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FOLLOWING IS TEXT FOR JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENT TO BE

RELEASEDSIMULTANEOUSLY IN ATHENS AND WASHINGTON AT NOON
WASHINGTON TIME APRIL 29.

BEGIN TEXT.

DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND THE
UNITED STATES MET IN ATHENS APRIL 7 - 29 FOR A SECOND
ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING MUTUAL DEFENSE MATTERS.

THE TALKS PROCEEDED IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

THE GREEK AND UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS, LED RESPECTIVELY
BY AMBASSADOR PETROS CALOGERAS AND MINISTER MONTEAGLE

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STEARNS, DISCUSSED ALL ASPECTS OF GREEK-US MILITARY

COOPERATION AND CONCLUDED THE SECOND ROUND AS FOLLOWS:

1. AT GREEK REQUEST:

A. US AGREED TO TERMINATE HOMEPORTING AT ELEFSIS.

B. THE US BASE AT HELLENIKON WILL BE CLOSED. CERTAIN US FACILITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO GREEK DEFENSE NEEDS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE ON THE GREEK AIR FORCE BASE AT HELLENIKON.

2. AGREEMENT IS ALSO EXPECTED ON THE ELIMINATION, REDUCTION AND CONSOLIDATION OF OTHER US FACILITIES IN GREECE.

3. THE PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND EXEMPTIONS OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN GREECE WERE REVIEWED AND SATISFACTORY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

THE INSTALLATIONS WHERE US FACILITIES REMAIN WILL BE PLACED UNDER GREEK COMMANDERS. THE SCOPE AND CONDITIONS OF OPERATION OF THE FACILITIES TO REMAIN WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN THE THIRD ROUND.

END TEXT.
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